



GEAR UP at a Glance

Program Description: GEAR UP was created for students from low-income backgrounds. The program benefits students by providing activities to make them aware of postsecondary opportunities to help them prepare for and succeed in college. It provides funds for a range of services, including academic support and mentoring for students, professional development for school personnel, and programs for parents to foster higher achievement by students. There are two types of grants—a state grant and a partnership grant, each comprised of schools, colleges, and non-school partners.

GEAR UP Partnership Grants in Kentucky

- Berea Partnership
- Clinton-Wayne Partnership
- Elizabethtown Community and Technical College Partnership
- Fulton County (Western KY) Partnership
- Morehead State University Partnership
- Southeast and Technical Community College
- Pulaski County School Partnership

GEAR UP Postsecondary Institutions

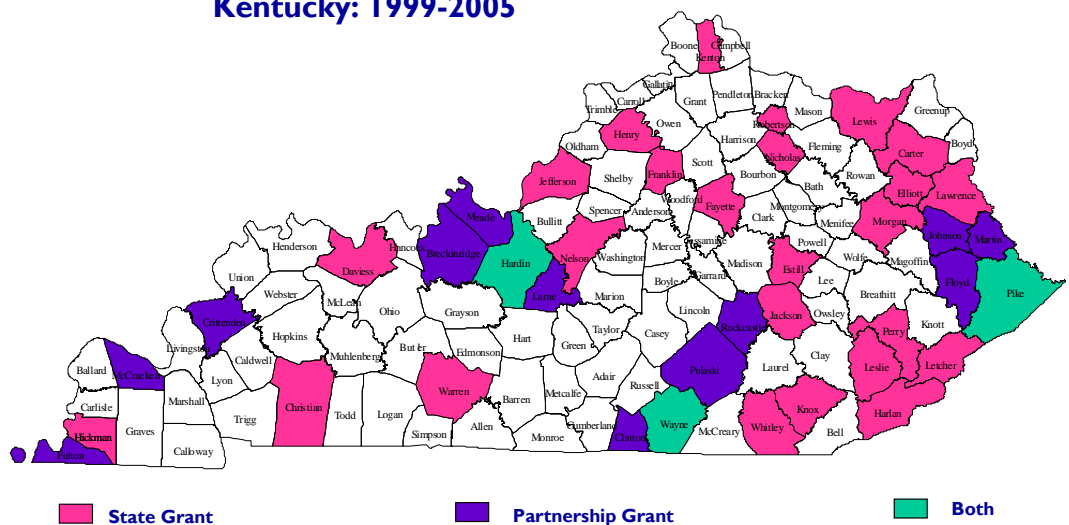
Four postsecondary institutions assist the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education in administering the GEAR UP state grant. In addition, seven postsecondary institutions or local education agencies in Kentucky received awards to administer partnership projects. Each partnership project supports a director and other staff, separate from the state grant staff. Murray State University administers the West Area state grant project and is home to the West Kentucky Area Cooperative, which administers a partnership grant. Morehead State University administers both the Northeast Area state grant and a partnership grant. The state and partnership grants do not duplicate services nor overlap schools in Kentucky.

Kentucky GEAR UP Alliance: The Kentucky GEAR UP Alliance was formed by the directors of Kentucky's statewide and partnership grants in order to achieve common goals and provide statewide unity and focus within the Commonwealth. Future projects will focus on evaluation and student assessments.

GEAR UP IN KENTUCKY 1999-2005

- 69,188 students
- 117 schools
- Grades 7-12
- 26 two-and four-year colleges
- \$32.5 million (federal)
- \$26.6 million (non-federal match)

GEAR UP Counties in Kentucky: 1999-2005



GEAR UP Kentucky—Abstract: The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) administers the GEAR UP state grant, which was awarded in 2000. This is the fifth and final year, but Kentucky has been awarded a sixth year of funding to support the 2000 cohort of students through high school graduation in 2006. Overall, the project has had significant impact on schools—recent data show that the rate of change in GEAR UP schools outpaces that of schools as a whole in the Commonwealth. Student performance is moving in the “right” direction in key subject areas like mathematics—fewer students are performing at novice level. (Novice level is the lowest level of student performance on the Kentucky *Commonwealth Accountability Testing System* (CATS). All students are required to reach proficiency by 2014.)

GEAR UP Kentucky:

State Grant College

Partners—

Ashland Community College, Bowling Green Technical College, Eastern Kentucky University, Georgetown College, Hazard Community College, Hopkinsville Community College, Jefferson Community & Technical College, Kentucky Christian College, Kentucky State University, Laurel Technical College, Lexington Community College, Madisonville Community College, Maysville Community College, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky Technical College, Northern Kentucky University, Owensboro Community College, Pikeville College, Prestonsburg Community College, Somerset Community College, Somerset Technical College, Southeast Community College, Thomas More College, University of Louisville, University of Kentucky, and Western Kentucky University

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FIVE PRIORITY AREAS

AWARENESS—providing counseling and information for students about the value of post-secondary education and preparation for college.

RIGOR—ensuring students have access to rigorous coursework, improving teaching practices, and enriching instruction.

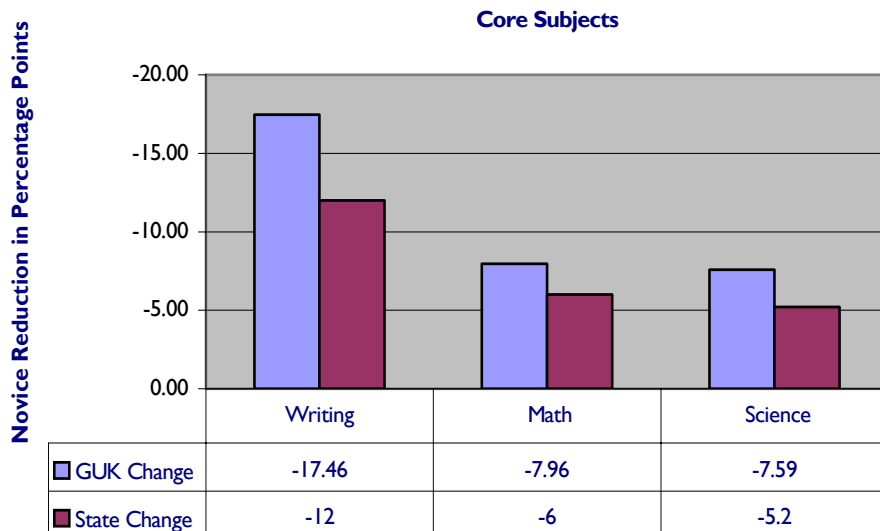
ENGAGEMENT—involving parents in setting high expectations for students and providing information about how to plan for college.

ACCESS—ensuring that no student is denied college for financial reasons, and providing information about financial aid, including scholarships.

SUPPORT—preventing students from failing by providing academic and developmental support.







GEAR UP KY SCHOOLS— PERFORMANCE ON CATS

Comparison: All Schools versus GEAR UP Kentucky Schools
 Change in Performance at Novice Level —Overall Reduction Rate
 2002-03 and 2003-04



Kentucky GEAR UP Alliance

Distribution by District

	Congressional District I	(\$6,397,593)
	Congressional District II	(\$2,873,366)
	Congressional District III	(\$1,525,775)
	Congressional District IV	(\$2,098,052)
	Congressional District V	(\$17,728,406)
	Congressional District VI	(\$1,956,808)

- ★ State Grant (Counties Served)
- Partnership Grants (Counties Served)
- ✕ Both Grants (Counties Served)

GEAR UP Projects in Kentucky
Seven Partnership Grants - \$21.9 million * State Grant - \$10.6 million
1999 - 2005

